

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claim 9 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, as allegedly being indefinite.

Claim 9 has been amended to correct a typographical error. As amended, claim 9 recites “any of claims 1 to 3” instead of “any of claims 1 to 1.”

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 9 is clear and definite and respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

Claims 1-9 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,673,844.

While Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is not obvious over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,673,844, to expedite allowance of the present Application, Applicants are submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer to obviate the obviousness-type double patenting rejection over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,673,844. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)  
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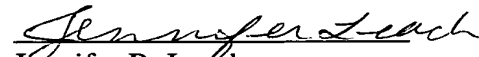
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